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DURHAM, N.H. – Democrat Ann McLane Kuster and Republican Charlie Bass are locked in a very tight race for New Hampshire's Second Congressional District seat. The First Congressional District race also has tightened with Republican Frank Guinta holding a modest, but not insurmountable, lead over incumbent Carol Shea-Porter.

In the latest WMUR/UNH New Hampshire Election Poll, 43 percent of likely Second Congressional District voters saying they will vote for Kuster, 40 percent for Bass, 3 percent prefer Libertarian Howard Wilson, 2 percent favor independent Tim Van Blommestein, 1 percent prefer some other candidate, and 11 percent remain undecided.

In New Hampshire's First Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Carol Shea-Porter continues to trail former Manchester Mayor Frank Guinta. Currently, 46 percent of likely First Congressional District voters say they will vote for Guinta, 39 percent say they will vote for Shea-Porter, 2 percent support Libertarian Philip Hodson, 2 percent prefer independent Mark Whitman, Jr., less than 1 percent prefer some other candidate, and 12 percent are undecided.

These findings are based on the latest WMUR/UNH New Hampshire Election Poll, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Eight hundred eighty-five (885) randomly selected New Hampshire likely voters were interviewed by telephone between Oct. 27 and Oct. 31, 2010. The margin of sampling error for the statewide likely voter sample is +/- 3.3 percent. Included was a subsample of 434 likely voters in the NH First Congressional District (margin of sampling error +/-4.7 percent), and a subsample of 451 Second Congressional District likely voters (margin of sampling error +/-4.6 percent).

For the complete poll findings, please go to <http://politicscoop.wmur.com/>

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